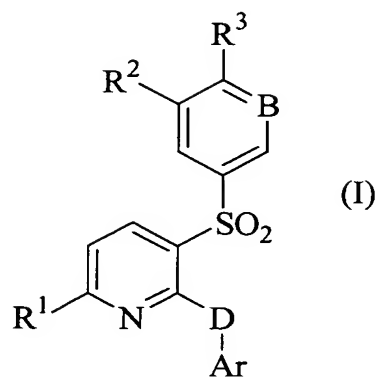


What is claimed is:

1. A compound of Formula (I)



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof,  
wherein

B is CH or N;

D is CH<sub>2</sub> or NH;

R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of H, -CN, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy and N(C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl)<sub>2</sub> optionally and independently substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of -CN, hydroxy, halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl and C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy;

R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of H, halo, -CN, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylNR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylOR<sup>6</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, O<sub>2</sub>CR<sup>6</sup>, COR<sup>6</sup>, CON<sup>4</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, NR<sup>4</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, NR<sup>4</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, NR<sup>4</sup>COR<sup>6</sup>, OCONR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>6</sup> and NR<sup>4</sup>CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>;

optionally and independently substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of -CN, hydroxy, halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, CO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or phenyl; or

R<sup>2</sup> is morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, piperadinyl, piperazinyl, phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, triazinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, thienyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, indolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydroimidazolyl, oxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, isoxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl and indazolyl, independently and optionally substituted

with 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of H, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy- C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl, -OR<sup>4</sup>, halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -CN, SH, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup>, -OC(O)R<sup>5</sup>, -N(COR<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, -NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>7</sup> and -CONR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -NR<sup>4</sup>COR<sup>5</sup>, NR<sup>4</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup>, NR<sup>4</sup>CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>7</sup> or NR<sup>4</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup>;

R<sup>3</sup> is selected from the group consisting of H, halo, -CN, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylNR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, -C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylOR<sup>6</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, O<sub>2</sub>CR<sup>6</sup>, COR<sup>6</sup>, CON<sup>4</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, NR<sup>4</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, NR<sup>4</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, NR<sup>4</sup>COR<sup>6</sup>, OCONR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, and NR<sup>4</sup>CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>;

optionally and independently substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of -CN, hydroxy, halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, CO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, phenyl or naphthyl; or

R<sup>3</sup> is morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, piperadinyl, piperazinyl, phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, triazinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, thienyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, indolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydroimidazolyl, oxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, isoxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl and indazolyl, independently and optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of H, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy- C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -OR<sup>4</sup>,

halo, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -CN, SH, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup>,  
 -COR<sup>4</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup>, -OC(O)R<sup>5</sup>, -N(COR<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, -NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>7</sup>  
 and -CONR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -NR<sup>4</sup>COR<sup>5</sup>, NR<sup>4</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup>, NR<sup>4</sup>CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>7</sup>  
 or NR<sup>4</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup>;

5 Ar is selected from the group consisting of phenyl,  
 indanyl, indenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl,  
 triazinyl, furanyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl,  
 thienyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, indolyl,  
 pyrrolyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydroimidazolyl,  
 10 oxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl,  
 benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, isoxazolyl,  
 triazolyl, tetrazolyl, indazolyl, indolinyl,  
 benzoxazolin-2-on-yl, benzodioxolanyl and  
 benzodioxane, independently and optionally  
 15 substituted with 1 to 4 substituents selected  
 from the group consisting of H, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>  
 cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -OR<sup>4</sup>, halo,  
 C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>, SH, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup>, -COR<sup>4</sup>,  
 -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup>, -OC(O)R<sup>5</sup>, -N(COR<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, -NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>7</sup> and -CONR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>7</sup>,  
 20 -NR<sup>4</sup>COR<sup>5</sup>, NR<sup>4</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup>, NR<sup>4</sup>CONR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, and NR<sup>4</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup>;

R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are independently selected from the  
 group consisting of H, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>  
 cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-2</sub>  
 alkoxy-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl and C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl; and

25 R<sup>6</sup> is selected from the group consisting of H, C<sub>1-6</sub>  
 alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>  
 alkyl, C<sub>1-2</sub> alkoxy-C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl,  
 phenyl and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-phenyl.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein B is CH.

3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein D is NH.
4. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl.
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5. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is H, halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, morpholinyl, piperazinyl or phenyl.
- 10 6. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is H, halo, -CN, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, morpholinyl, piperazinyl or phenyl.
- 15 7. A compound according to claim 1 wherein Ar is phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydroimidazolyl independently and optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of H, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -OR<sup>4</sup>, halo, 20 -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup>.
8. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are independently H or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl.
- 25 9. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>6</sup> is H.
10. A compound according to claim 1 wherein B is CH; D is NH; R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; R<sup>2</sup> is H, halo, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, morpholinyl, piperazinyl or phenyl; R<sup>3</sup> is H, 30 halo, -CN, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, morpholinyl, piperazinyl or phenyl; Ar is phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydroimidazolyl independently

and optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of H, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -OR<sup>4</sup>, halo, -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup>; R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are independently H or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl; and R<sup>6</sup> is H.

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11. {3-[4-(2-Methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(4-methoxy-2-methylphenyl)-amine;

(2-Chloro-5-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-amine;

2-Chloro-5-fluoro-N<sup>1</sup>-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>-dimethylbenzene-1,4-diamine;

(4,5-Dimethoxy-2-methylphenyl)-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-amine;

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(2-Chloro-4-difluoromethoxyphenyl)-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-amine;

25 (2-Chloro-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-amine;

(2-Chloro-4-methanesulfonylphenyl)-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-amine;

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5-Chloro-2-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-ylamino}-benzonitrile;

5 [3-(4-Methoxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-  
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenol;

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[3-(4-Benzyloxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-  
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(4-Ethoxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-  
15 (2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(4-Allyloxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-  
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

20 4-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxy}-butyronitrile;

5-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxy}-pentanenitrile;

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3-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxy}-propan-1-ol;

{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxy}-acetic acid ethyl ester;  
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2-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxy}-butyric acid methyl ester;

- {6-Methyl-3-[4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;
- 5 {3-[4-(2,6-Dichloropyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;
- {6-Methyl-3-[4-(2-methylthiazol-4-ylmethoxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;
- 10 amine;
- {3-[4-(4-Fluorobenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;
- 15 4-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxymethyl}-benzonitrile;
- 3-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxymethyl}-benzonitrile;
- 20 3-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxymethyl}-benzoic acid methyl ester;
- {3-[4-(3-Methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;
- 25 {3-[4-(2-Methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;
- 30 2-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxymethyl}-benzonitrile;



{6-Methyl-3-[4-(2-nitrobenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-  
pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[4-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methyl-  
5 pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[4-(2,5-Dimethoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methyl-  
pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

10 {3-[4-(2,3-Dimethoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methyl-  
pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[4-(2,3-Difluorobenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methyl-  
pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

15 {3-[4-(2-Fluoro-6-nitrobenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-  
methyl-pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

1-(4-Fluoro-3-{4-[6-methyl-2-(2,4,6-  
20 trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-  
phenoxymethyl}-phenyl)-ethanone;

{3-[4-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methyl-  
pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

25 [3-(3-Chloro-4-fluorobenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-  
yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(3,4-Dimethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-  
30 (2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-  
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(3,4-Dichlorobenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-  
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

5 [6-Methyl-3-(toluene-4-sulfonyl)-pyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-  
trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(4-Ethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-  
trimethylphenyl)-amine;

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[3-(4-Isopropylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-  
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[6-Methyl-3-(4-trifluoromethoxybenzenesulfonyl)-pyridin-  
15 2-yl]-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(4-Fluorobenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-  
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

20 [3-(4-Bromobenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-  
trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(4-Ethynylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-  
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

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[3-(Biphenyl-4-sulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-  
trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(2'-Methoxybiphenyl-4-sulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-  
30 (2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-  
sulfonyl]-phenyl}-methanol;

(6-Methyl-3-{4-[(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-methyl]-benzenesulfonyl}-pyridin-2-yl)-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

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4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-benzaldehyde;

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{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenyl}-phenyl-methanol;

{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenyl}-phenyl-methanone;

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Acetic acid 4-[6-methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-benzyl ester;

[3-(3-Methoxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

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3-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenol;

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[3-(3-Ethoxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(3-Allyloxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

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[3-(3-Benzyloxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[3-(4-Fluorobenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[3-(3-Methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[3-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[3-(6-Chloropyridin-3-ylmethoxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[3-(2,6-Dichloropyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

(2,4-Dimethylphenyl)-[3-(4-ethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-amine;

[3-(4-Ethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(4-methoxy-2-methylphenyl)-amine;

(2,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-[3-(4-ethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-amine;

(2-Chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-[3-(4-ethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-amine; or

[3-(4-Ethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,5-trimethylphenyl)-amine or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates thereof.

12. A pharmaceutical composition of a compound according to claim 1.

13. A method of treating depression or anxiety comprising a pharmaceutical composition of a compound of claim 1.

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